

## ACRES OF FLAME THREATENED NEW RUIN TO CHELSEA

Factories and Dwellings Burned, but Quick Action Saved  
Massachusetts City.

CHELSEA, Mass., Sept. 21.—Between four and five acres of wooden buildings on the north side of the Boston and Maine tracks in this city which escaped the conflagration of April 12 were swept away today by another disastrous fire, entailing a loss of about \$20,000.

The principal buildings destroyed were Atwood & McManus's box factory, Pope & Cottle's lumber yard, Lee Brothers' shoe factory, Karrababa & Co.'s shoe factory, the Chelsea Bottling Company's factory and seven tenement houses. Fire engine No. 36, of the Boston Fire Department, was also destroyed.

The bounds of the fire were West Third street, the Boston and Maine tracks, Everett avenue and Carter street.

The fire broke out in No. 1 building of the box factory about 8 o'clock. Nearly 50 persons, including many women, employed in the factory received sufficient warning and left the building in good order and with their personal effects. Half an hour later the three buildings of the box company's plant were in flames.

The fire then extended in a northwesterly direction along the railroad tracks to the Pope and Cottle lumber yard, and also swept southeast and east to Everett avenue, cleaning out the Lee Brothers' shoe factory, the bottling factory and the tenements. Help was requested of Everett, Revere and Boston, and at 9 o'clock the fire was very threatening.

Fortunately there were no large wooden buildings on the eastern side of Everett avenue, and the burning of the small tenements, which did make a very hot blaze, stopped the spread of the fire in that direction.

A heavy southwest wind was blowing, but as the main portion of the fire was well back of Everett avenue, a good fight on the part of the firemen held the flames at that thoroughfare. At 10:30 o'clock the fire was under control.

The detailed losses follow: Atwood & McManus, \$15,000; Pope & Cottle, \$75,000; Lee Brothers, \$5,000; Karrababa & Co., shoe factory, \$10,000; Chelsea Bottling Company, \$8,000; tenement houses, \$7,000.

IS IT A PAVEMENT  
OR A BRICK WALL?

Strike Ties Up Some of the  
Bridge Work Until Question Is Settled.

Is a brick wall a brick wall when it is laid on the ground the same as a brick wall is a brick wall when it is built up into the air? Or is a brick wall upon a horizontal surface not a wall at all, but a pavement?

Sixty men are idle at the Manhattan end of Blackwell's Island Bridge because of a dispute over this question. These sixty men—thirty bricklayers and thirty bricklayers' laborers—were ordered on strike to-day by John Gill, business agent of Bricklayers' Union No. 37.

The pay of the bricklayers is \$1.50 a day, and of the laborers about half that. Gill threatens to call out all the stone setters on the bridge work unless the controversy is settled according to his view of it.

It is a peculiar dispute, inasmuch as there is no question of wages or hours involved, and the parties to the controversy are two labor unions. The unions are Bricklayers' Union No. 37 and the Lathers and Plasterers' Union, of which Thomas Ford, who has figured somewhat prominently in politics, is the business agent. Each union claims the right to control the work of laying the brick foundation for the wooden block pavement on the bridge approach, running from Second avenue out to the main structure over the East River.

The contractor for the pavement is Louis Lilley. And the strike situation is further complicated by the fact that the men on strike are not working for him at all. They are working for the Stone and Trust Company, general contractors for the bridge work, and the Quastano Company, mason contractors.

Contractors Annoyed.

Now the Stone & Trust Company and the Quastano Company, having no interest in the paving work, are naturally exasperated over the delay and the expense of a strike, while the contractor who caused the trouble, Mr. Lilley, is working right along, who union laborers—members of the Lathers and Plasterers' Union. The men against whom the bricklayers' union has a grievance is not discriminated at all, while two employers against whom the union has an grievance whatever are delayed by a strike.

The foundation for the wooden block pavement is of brick. Over this is an coat of waterproof material, such as tar or concrete, and on top of all is set the wooden block covering. When Mr. Lilley began work on the pavement he employed five members of the Union of Lathers and Plasterers to lay the whole job at \$1 a day. The pavers and their laborers went to work two weeks ago to lay the brick foundation.

They had worked without question for about a week when the bricklayers' union happened along. He noticed the laying brick who were not members of the Bricklayers' Union. There are many members of the Bricklayers' Union out of work these days, and Gill, being employed to look out for the interests of the bricklayers, saw his opportunity and seized it.

Not Satisfactory.

He demanded of Mr. Lilley that, inasmuch as the work involved handling and laying brick in a structural way and the bricklayers' union being a structural-bricklayers' union, should be employed. Mr. Lilley promptly discharged the pavers and employed bricklayers. He claims that the work of the bricklayers was unsatisfactory, as it was not in their line and after a few days he reinstated the masons on the advice of Business Delegate Rock. Gill immediately made preparations to call out the bricklayers.

## \$5,000,000 FIRE IN PARIS LEAVES CITY WITHOUT 'PHONES

Two Hundred Workers Brave  
Flames as Central Telephone  
Structure Is Ruined.

PARIS, Sept. 21.—Paris is practically prostrated commercially to-day as a result of the fire that destroyed the Central Telephone Building. In addition to the total interruption of the telephonic service between Paris and the provinces and Paris and foreign points, the Department of Posts announced this afternoon that the flames had destroyed also a large number of the long-distance telegraph wires, which were strung under the telephone headquarters.

Consequently the telegraph service to England, Belgium, Austria, the northern part of France and the suburbs of Paris is seriously affected, and it is impossible to-day to handle the business offered. The partial paralyzation of communication is causing immeasurable damage to the multitudinous business activities in France itself and between France

and foreign countries, and the resultant financial loss will be tremendous. The 20,000 local circuits burned out were located in the heart of the city and their destruction has thrown confusion into the great arteries of trade and commerce and introduced a sudden demand upon vehicular transportation which the cabs and omnibuses cannot meet.

The fire was one of the worst in the history of Paris, and destroyed the Telephone Building, which was close to the Place des Victoires, entailing a loss of \$5,000,000, besides putting out of commission all telephones in the city.

A workman who opened the door to the cellar discovered the blaze, and a draught quickly carried the flames to the third and fourth floors through the cable shaft. Firemen who arrived first and tried to get near the fire were driven back by the deadly fumes. Within twenty minutes the third and fourth floors were a mass of flames. Then came a series of explosions.

Owing to the destruction of the telephone wires, firemen from other parts of the city had to be summoned by messenger, which greatly delayed them. When finally they got to work the flames were so fierce that the water went up in clouds of steam, as the blaze was fought on all sides by every available engine and man, with all chiefs, the Prefect of Police and Minister of Public Works to assist.

The vast crowds which the police were unable to hold back impeded the firemen, and before the blaze was finally under control, at 2 A. M., the throngs had to be charged by troops and police reserves.

The day force of women had left only a short time before the fire, and had not the Sunday night force of two hundred men instead of the regular five hundred been the only employees in the building, there might have been great

loss of life. The employees saved all the books and documents of the company. No one was injured.

Just before this \$5,000,000 conflagration the firemen had spent the day fighting a fire in a department store in the Boulevard St. Louis which did \$500,000 damage, covered by insurance.

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This sale will continue throughout the week, and the inconveniences of Monday may be avoided if patrons will use the Twenty-third St. and Twenty-second St. doors.

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**7 Stamps Free with 1-4 lb. Choice No. 1 Teas for.....9c**  
**60 Stamps Free with 1 lb. Butler's Best 50c Teas.....50c**  
**30 Stamps Free with 1-2 lb. Butler's Best 50c Teas.....25c**  
**15 Stamps Free with 1-4 lb. Butler's Best 50c Teas.....13c**  
**20 Stamps Free with 1 lb. Old Plantation Coffee.....30c**  
**10 Stamps Free with 1-2 lb. Old Plantation Coffee.....15c**  
**15 Stamps Free with 1 lb. Best Blended Coffee.....25c**  
**7 Stamps Free with 1-2 lb. Best Blended Coffee.....13c**  
**10 Stamps Free with 1 lb. Best Maracaibo Coffee.....20c**  
**5 Stamps Free with 1-2 lb. Best Maracaibo Coffee.....10c**  
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 with quarter pound carton  
**Diana Brand 18c**  
**Teas - 18c**

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**Golden Santos 13c**  
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 Butler's Brand, from the pure milk; can ..... **7c**  
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